

Amendment to the Specification

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In one embodiment (as shown in Figs. 5 & 6), a thin flexible sheath 259 may be used to surround at least a portion of the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232 to further prevent dust and loose particles from reaching the drive components of the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232. For instance, there may be portions of the internal enclosure 242 that are left unsealed and therefore unwanted particles may enter therethrough. By way of example, a portion of the CD/DVD drive 232 may extend into the region below the keyboard opening 196. As such, when the keyboard 106 is removed, an open pathway to the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232 may exist. Therefore, in one implementation, the flexible sheath 259 is configured to cover portions of the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232 that are left exposed. For example, referring to Fig. 6, the flexible sheath 259 may be configured to extend to a point beyond an edge 260 of the keyboard opening 196 so as to prevent particles from reaching the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232. The flexible sheath 259 is generally sized to fit over the base member 250, cover 252 and side portions 256 of the drive 232 so as to cover exposed parts of the sides, top, bottom and backside of the drive 232. The thin flexible sheath may be formed from a suitable material such as mylar plastic. By way of example, a polyester film such as MYLAR may be used. It should be noted, however, that this is not a limitation and that other materials may be used.